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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of September 12, 2007, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on December 12, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this Response.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this Response.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 5 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this Response.

**Replacement drawing sheets** are attached following page 10 of this Response.